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THE ADVANTAGES OF A SMALL TOWN PRACTICE. Mr. Raymond Dresser, lawyer from Sturgis, Michigan, and past president of the Michigan Bar Association, spoke in the Lawyers Club Lounge Wednesday evening on the topic, "Opportunities for lawyers in small towns." Mr. Dresser spoke of the positions available, encouraging financial outlook, social obligations, and the "added benefits" of small city living.

Opportunities for the beginning lawyer in small communities are very good. Mr. Dresser pointed out that in his city of 10,000 there are eight lawyers. Four of the eight are over 50 years of age, and one is the municipal judge. He explained that in Sturgis, as in most small cities, they have a noticeable shortage of lawyers. From his personal experience he related that many firms needed and were looking for clerks to become eventual partners. As a rule these firms do not come to the University to do their searching, for various reasons, but rather bear the burden of already overburdened work schedules. Thus the ambitious, enterprising young lawyer must go to these men and speak to them about joining the firm.

Frankly, the audience seemed impressed by the financial outlook in the smaller towns. Mr. Dresser was reluctant to give a figure on the starting wage, but when pushed he stated, "Well I have not heard a lawyer say he would pay less than \$5,000 to start." When asked what the average small town lawyer could expect to make, he again qualified his answer stating that he would speak of the active full-time lawyer and not the semi-retired. "The active average lawyer should expect to make \$15,000 per year." He then went on to point out that the lawyers in town drove two cars, owned their homes, belonged to the golf club, and owned cottages at the lake. Later in his talk he related that it took some time to convince a young lawyer who had practiced in Sturgis for only three years that it would be wise to run for the office of Prosecuting Attorney, unopposed, at the salary of \$7,500 per year.

Mr. Dresser stated the man who practices in the small community must expect to fulfill certain obligations as a member of the community including politics, church attendance, and the country club. He also emphasized that one should enter the small town, or any community, with the object of service and fulfilling a duty to the people in the area.

The added benefits of small community living are many. Mr. Dresser said he was only five minutes from golfing or fishing depending upon his mood. His office is close to his home. The small town today is not isolated from the world as some have felt it is. Rather a small town like Sturgis is only one and one-half hours from any play in Detroit and only two hours from the "boat Show" in Chicago. It was obvious from the introduction that Mr. Dresser is a much traveled man and further that not only he, but the other lawyers in his community, hold positions of stature in the eyes of their fellow citizens.

One question from the audience asking the past president of the Michigan Bar Association what academic requirements would be required brought this answer: "Any man who graduates from the University of Michigan ought to be able to practice law!"

YEARBOOK NEWS. This year for the first time since 1958, the Board of Directors of the Lawyers Club plans to publish a yearbook called the "Quad." It will consist of group pictures of the first and second-year classes and individual pictures of seniors. In addition,

there will be pictures of the faculty, student organizations and the quadrangle. The number to be published and the cost per yearbook, however, will be contingent upon the amount of student support. Since the Board plans to underwrite a portion of the cost, the price has tentatively been set at a low \$3.00 per "Quad." To assist the Board in its publication plans, advance sale subscriptions will be sold and orders taken next week. Your support in this early "drive" will be appreciated and will contribute greatly to a successful yearbook.

WHO ARE THEY? The dignified strangers seen in the halls and classrooms today and tomorrow are here for a purpose. They are members of a Committee of Visitors for the Law School, brought together here from such distant places as California and Texas for the first time. Their purpose, according to the bylaws of the Lawyers Club, is to examine nearly all phases of the Law School's program. The Committee makes a report to the president of the university (who appointed the members with the help of Dean Smith and Prof. Joiner), to the Board of Governors of the Lawyers Club, and to the faculty. Not only will the Law School thus gain a new perspective of its operations, but it will also gain a group of interested and well-informed alumni scattered throughout the country.

MISCELLANEOUS MORSELS. In response to occasional inquiries, the Res Gestae informs its readers that Pete Sickinger is the current cartoonist, and the Sports Staff consists of Bill McCarter assisted by Buzz Page Law Wives meets Monday the 12th at 8:00 p.m. in the Law Club Lounge, and again on Thursday, to hear L. Hart Wright The Michigan Rugby team tied the Toronto Rams Saturday The Northern Lower Michigan raccoon and mink trapping season opens Nov. 10

AT THE FRAT:

Phid: Saturday post-game open house, \$1.00 members; \$2.00 non-members. Party at 9:00, Herb Mallory Trio; \$1.50 members; \$3.00 non-members.

Delt: Saturday 9-12 party, \$1.50 members, \$2.50 non-members.

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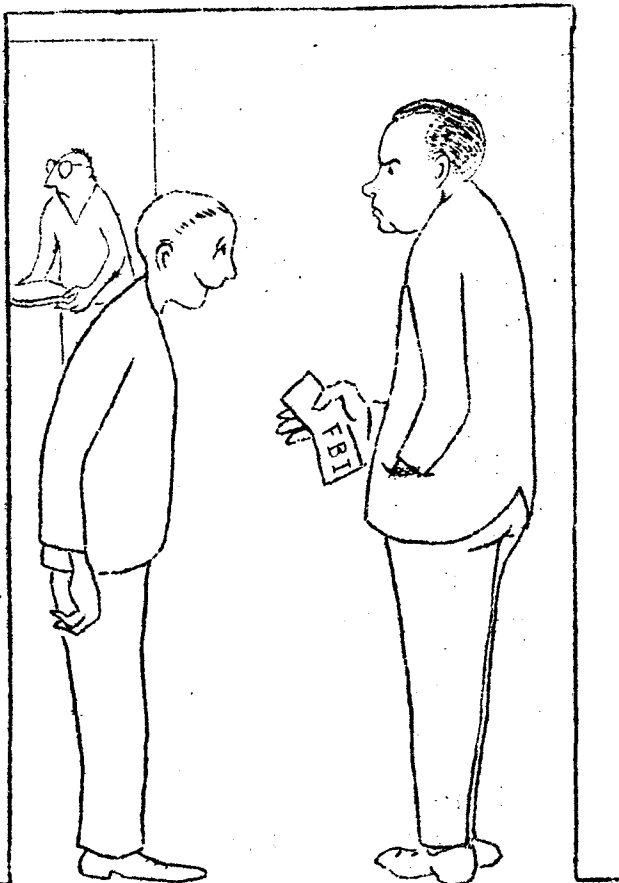
Princeton over Harvard
Dartmouth over Columbia
Yale over Penn.
Michigan over Illinois
Mich. State over Purdue
Northwestern over Wisconsin
USC over Stanford
Arkansas over Rice
Duke over Maryland
Penn. State over West Virginia
UCLA over Air Force Academy
Muskingum over Capital

Record to date:

47 correct

17 wrong

5 ties



QUADSVILLE QUOTES by Meyer Sniffen

And he said, Woe unto you also, ye lawyers, for ye lade men with burdens greivous to be born, and ye yourselves touch not the burdens with one of your fingers.

— New Testament, Luke XI, 46

I have never let my schooling interfere with my education.

— Mark Twain